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SUBJECT: NATIONAL AIRLINES PERMIT FOR MIAMI-PARIS

REF: BILLER-MILLER TELCON MAY 24

1. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATION OF CONCORDE CASE BY CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS AS EARLY AS JUNE 1, WE WONDER WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE PREFERABLE FOR CAB TO WITHHOLD ACTION ON AIR FRANCE'S PERMIT FOR TORONTO A LITTLE LONGER. WE ASSUME THAT PROMISE OF POSITIVE FRENCH ACTION ON NATIONAL PERMIT AFTER ISSUANCE OF AF PERMIT WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTION BY FRENCH THAT CONCORDE OPERATIONS COULD BEGIN.

2. IF AF PERMIT IS GRANTED MAY 26 OR 27, WE DOUBT WHETHER FRENCH WILL ACT ON NATIONAL PERMIT WITHOUT WAITING FOR APPEAL OUTCOME, WHICH MAY BE KNOWN AS EARLY AS JUNE 1 OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IF APPEAL RESULT IS ADVERSE TO CONCORDE, FRENCH WILL THEN BE DISINCLINED TO GRANT NATIONAL
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PERMIT AND WE WOULD LACK LEVERAGE TO PRESS THEM TO DO SO. IF AF PERMIT WERE STILL PENDING BEFORE CAB, IT WOULD PROVIDE NECESSARY LEVERAGE.

3. TAKING ABOVE INTO ACCOUNT, WHAT IS EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF URGING CAB AT THIS TIME TO LIMIT ACTION TO EXTENSION OF AF MONTHLY PERMIT FOR 10 DAYS BEYOND EXPIRATION DATE OF MAY

30? PLEASE REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. VANCE

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